

EX145. SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT: RIVER CARRON CONNECTIONS

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services setting out a proposal for submission to Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) for inclusion in its Green Infrastructure Project programme.

The (SNH) Green Infrastructure project is aimed at creating multi-functional green networks within urban areas, improving quality of life, promoting health and physical activity, economic growth and investment and opportunities for community engagement. Public and third sector organisations have been invited to submit proposals for inclusion within this 5 year European Regional Development Fund project.

A proposal, River Carron Connections, was set out. This project, comprising 11 individual projects, was costed at approx. £2.2m. Up to 40% funding could be available from the Green Infrastructure Project, with the remaining 60% to be provided by the Council and partners. Projects would be tailored to match the available funding. The Executive was invited to approve the proposal in principle and to authorise the Director of Development Services to complete the submission to SNH. It was anticipated that SNH would advise on the outcome of those the bids made in June 2015.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the River Carron Connections proposal in principle for submission to Scottish Natural Heritage's Green Infrastructure Project, and**
- (2) to authorise the Director of Development Services to co-operate with partner agencies and complete the submission.**